



Bolton's El-Hadji Diouf (L) celebrates with Kevin Davies (C) and Nicolas Anelka after scoring against Newcastle at St. James' Park in their Premiership clash on Sunday.

## Diouf double clips Magpies

AFP, Newcastle



El-Hadji Diouf scored both Bolton's goals as they maintained their impressive start to the season with a 2-1 victory at Newcastle on Sunday.

The Senegalese international was on target twice in the space of 95 seconds as Bolton recovered after going behind to a hotly-disputed penalty by Shola Ameobi.

It gave Bolton their first victory in a top-flight match at St James' Park since 1959 and kept them in third place in the Premiership.

It was an important victory for Bolton, who went into the game as one of the form teams in the Premiership, with just one defeat in the league and ten points gathered from their previous

four matches.

In contrast, Newcastle have now picked up only four points from their last seven games and are hovering uneasily just above the relegation zone.

And, to add to their discomfort, they lost after being far more assured than Bolton in the opening half.

With Stephen Carr and Nobby Solano back after injuries to renew their partnership down the right flank, Glenn Roeder's team found their rhythm quicker and created a chance for Ameobi after only four minutes.

Peter Ramage's right-wing cross was not dealt with decisively by Bolton's defence, but Ameobi could only steer a shot over the bar as the ball bounced awkwardly in front of him.

Obafemi Martins also found space outside the area for two shots that he failed to direct on target, while Ameobi was equally wayward with another effort.

But there was nothing wrong with Ameobi's accuracy when he was given an opportunity from the penalty spot after Abdoulaye Faye needlessly handled Martins's cross in the 18th minute.

It was only the fourth goal conceded by Bolton's defence this season and, clearly unsettled at going behind, they found it difficult to respond before the interval.

Kevin Davies latched onto the rebound and brought another save from Harper, who then reacted quickly to sweep the loose ball away from the feet of Diouf.

Bolton's dismay at their failure to capitalise on those opportunities should have been magnified only four minutes later, but Newcastle missed a marvellous chance to extend their lead.

Ramage was the guilty man, charging in to power a shot high over the bar after Damien Duff's cross was

headed back to the edge of the six-yard box by Ameobi.

Bolton were fortunate to survive again in the opening moments of the second-half when Martins broke clear and drove in a shot that Jussi Jaaskelainen saved well.

Sam Allardyce's side had a sharper look after the interval and they found a way through in the 55th minute when Anelka outwitted Stephen Carr and produced a cross that Diouf tapped in from close-range.

Bolton were ahead just 95 seconds later with Diouf again the scorer.

Ivan Campo created the goal with a cross that was headed on by Kevin Davies to leave the Senegal striker with an easy chance.

## Allardyce to probe 'bust-up'

AFP, Newcastle



Bolton manager Sam Allardyce will investigate an incident involving El-Hadji Diouf at the end of a game where two goals from the Senegalese international earned a 2-1 victory at Newcastle.

Diouf was ushered towards the Bolton dressing room as he argued with Newcastle players and officials in the tunnel seconds after the final whistle at St James' Park.

Allardyce said: "I don't know what the incident was about. I'm aware of what happened and will be looking into it tomorrow."

It was an unpleasant end to an incredible afternoon for the

Senegalese international who was at the centre of several incidents during the game.

Newcastle players were unhappy at the way Diouf went down under challenges and he became a target for taunts from fans.

Newcastle manager Glenn Roeder said: "He's a player that other players get frustrated with

most weeks. His reputation goes before him, so what they've experienced today is not something new."

But Allardyce responded: "It irritates me that when he gets fouled, nobody thinks he's ever been fouled."

Diouf's goals capped a fightback by Bolton, who trailed to a first-half goal by Shola Ameobi.

"We were inept in the first-half and didn't look like we were going to compete with Newcastle," said Allardyce.

"We gave them too much ball and allowed them to do what they wanted, so we had to change it at half-time."

"We went on to put them under intense pressure and started to get at their back four, which we think is the weakest part of their game."

"It worked an absolute treat and that's three wins on the trot for us. We are on a roll and looking very solid at the back with pace up front."

"It certainly gives us great satisfaction to come from behind at a place like this, but it's the players who deserve all the credit. It is a measure of how far we've come this season."

"We have high aspirations because that's what our fans demand after finishing eighth, eighth and sixth in the last three seasons."

"They are looking for us to repeat it or go even better - and it's something we hope we can achieve, although it's a long season and a lot is going to happen between now and the end."

Roeder condemned his team's defending for the two goals as "unacceptable" and added: "It's the third time we've scored first and not won."

"I'm concerned about the defending and the players are concerned. If you are not doing the basics, it's going to be a concern."

"But it's a shame that their goals will hide a lot of quality play from us. It was going fine until they scored. It was one-way traffic in the first-half and we would have been a lot more comfortable if Peter Ramage had made it 2-0 with a great chance."

One of the players who took advantage of Newcastle's failing in defence was the French international Nicolas Anelka, who created the opening goal.

"His contribution is getting greater and greater," said Allardyce.

"Nicolas Anelka knows the Premiership and knew he had to catch up with the pace and strength of the league, which he is doing."

"When he got a bit more room in the second-half, he started to expose the Newcastle defence time after time."

## Cech facing long lay-off

Football

AFP, London

Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech has been told he must take an extended break from football after surgery on a depressed fracture of his skull and warned that a premature return could be fatal.

The Czech international was still in hospital on Monday after undergoing surgery to repair damage caused in a collision with Reading's Stephen Hunt during an English Premiership match on Saturday.

Hunt's knee connected with the goalkeeper in the first minute of the match after Cech had come out of his goalmouth to gather the ball at the feet of an opponent moving at full pace.

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho claimed after the match that Hunt had gone into the challenge "with intent," and insisted the player should have been red-carded immediately. The player insists the contact was involuntary.

The incident is to be reviewed on videotape by the Football Association, which will decide whether any disciplinary action is

necessary against Hunt and/or Mourinho for his heated post-match comments.

Mike Riley, the referee at the match, could also be in hot water. The official appeared to underestimate the seriousness of the injury suffered by Cech, 24, and ordered him to crawl off the pitch before he could receive treatment.

According to an account in Monday's Daily Mirror, Chelsea's medical staff were concerned for Cech's life as they treated the goalkeeper in the dressing room and waited for an ambulance to come.

"Before it arrived Petr was unconscious," a Chelsea source told the newspaper. "The big fear was his brain was swelling."

"In these sorts of situations, the problem worsens as the brain reacts to the blow it received."

After a brief visit to a local hospital, Cech was transferred to a specialist brain-injury unit at Oxford's Radcliffe Infirmary, where he underwent surgery.

One of Britain's leading expert on injuries such as those suffered by Cech has warned the goalkeeper that a premature return to football could have tragic consequences.

from his head injury, the result could be fatal," Peter Hamlyn, a consultant neuro-surgeon, wrote in the Daily Telegraph.

"He risks what is known as 'second impact syndrome'. This happens when a second blow causes swelling to the brain before it has recovered fully from an earlier injury. It is a situation that could prove fatal, even if the first blow is deemed not to be serious."

"With that in mind, I would think Cech is likely to be out for at least six months."

"That is about the length of time it takes for stout bone healing to take place. If the brain underlying the fracture has been greatly injured, his time out may be even longer."

"Luckily for him, skull fractures are not normally associated with severe injuries to the brain, which means we can anticipate Cech making a full recovery."

The loss of Cech, widely regarded as one of the top three goalkeepers in European football, is a severe blow for Chelsea.

Their number two stopper, Carlo Cudicini, also spent Saturday night in hospital after swallowing his tongue as a result of a collision with Reading's Ibrahima Sonko late in

the match. Cudicini was released after a few hours but is highly doubtful for Wednesday's Champions League Clash with Barcelona at Stamford Bridge.

If Cudicini does not make it, Mourinho will have no option but to hand Portuguese back-up goalkeeper Hilario his Chelsea debut in what is sure to be a highly-charged meeting with Barcelona.

Hilario, 30, has had only limited experience of top level football in a career that went into reverse when he made his Champions League debut as part of an FC Porto side that was hammered 4-0 by Manchester United at Old Trafford in 1997.

But his teammate Joe Cole insisted that the rest of the Chelsea squad were confident in his ability to step in against Ronaldo and co.

"He's a very good goalkeeper," said the England midfielder. "It is a possibility he'll play and if he comes in, he won't let anyone down. He looks good in training and is an experienced goalkeeper."

## Marseille lose more ground

AFP, Paris



Marseille drew 1-1 at 10-man Lens in a match of two penalties on Sunday which meant champions Lyon, who beat St Etienne 2-1, forged a five-point lead at the top of the French League.

Mamadou Niang's penalty earned Marseille the lead in the 63rd minute in a match till that point had goalless draw written all over it but another spot-kick by Lens's Aruna Dindane with 11 minutes to go pulled the match level.

Niang got past Charles Itandje and only had to get the ball into the empty net but a foul from behind by Gregory Vignal forced him to miscue wide to the right of goal.

Referee Fredy Fautrel had no hesitation in pointing to the spot but there was a two-minute delay in taking the penalty because vehement player protests meant Vignal at first refused to leave the pitch.

With the match looking to go Marseille's way, Lens scored against the run of play.

Lorik Cana fouled Olivier Thomert to concede a freekick. As it was being taken, Fautrel adjudged Cana had committed another foul on Vitorino Hilton and pointed to the spot. Dindane had no trouble finding the net as Marseille keeper Cedric Carrasso dived the wrong way.

Sunday's other match was a 0-0 draw between Le Mans and Nancy. On Saturday, Saint Etienne's

chances of inflicting Lyon's first defeat of the season took a knock when they were reduced to 10 men with the 82nd-minute red card dished out to Lamine Diatta after he'd pushed second half substitute Florent Malouda to the ground.

Referee Laurent Duhamel had no hesitation in awarding a penalty despite Diatta's ill-advised intervention coming outside the area but justice was done when Juninho's spotkick was saved by Jeremie Janot, the Saint Etienne skipper diving correctly to his right.

But Juninho had the last word when he latched on to a perfect cross from Florent Malouda to blast past Janot from around the penalty spot in the 90th minute for the win-

ner. St Etienne's Johan Hautcoeur had equalised Tiago's opener for Lyon.

This was unbeaten Lyon's eighth win of the season.

Paris Saint Germain put their recent troubles behind them with a 4-2 stroll past Sedan, skipper Pedro Pauleta coming up with a second half double.

PSG's win was all the more rewarding as they lost Pierre-Alain Frau to a red card in the 43rd minute.

Fourth-placed Toulouse ran out 3-0 winners over Valenciennes, all the goals coming in the first half an hour while struggling Nice saw off Lorient by an identical scoreline.

Monaco slipped to third from bottom after going down 1-0 at fifth-placed side Bordeaux, Nantes clung on to the foot of the table when falling 2-0 to Sochaux, Rennes beat Auxerre 3-1, and Troyes and Lille shared the spoils 1-1.

TOP SIX									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts		
Lyon	9	8	1	0	22	7	25		
Marseille	9	6	2	1	17	5	20		
Nancy	9	4	4	1	9	5	16		
Toulouse	9	4	3	2	12	10	15		
Bordeaux	9	5	0	4	11	12	15		
Lille	9	4	2	3	14	11	14		



Lens midfielder Nenad Kovacevic (L) executes a tackle on Marseille talisman Franck Ribery during their Ligue 1 match in Lens on Sunday.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Actress bread  
4 Coll. transcript no.  
7 Wahine's greeting  
12 Cover  
13 Curved path  
14 Simpleton  
15 Street address?  
16 A little of everything  
18 "— the ramparts  
19 Hybrid eating utensil  
20 Nerd  
22 History chapter  
23 Poet  
27 "— Town"  
29 Varied  
31 Jennifer Garner series  
34 Cut in two  
35 Musical mix  
37 PC acronym  
38 Tower city  
39 Mimic

**DOWN**

1 Macaroni shape  
2 Insect-eating bird  
3 Embellish  
4 Spaces  
5 Suitable  
6 Man of many parts?  
7 Uncontrollable  
8 Ferrigno or Costello  
9 NHL Hall-of-Famer  
10 Not vert.  
11 Black cuckoo  
17 Stroller  
21 Bandicoot's kin  
23 Postage  
24 The whole shooting match  
25 Gun the engine  
26 Nay undoer  
28 Deal with  
30 Triumphant cry  
31 Pump up the volume  
32 Garland of sorts  
33 Egos' counterparts  
36 Sailing vessel  
37 Trust  
40 U.N. goal  
42 Without friendliness  
43 Crowd quorum?  
44 Clay from "American Idol"  
45 Fill till full  
46 Crow's nest call  
48 Lustrous black  
49 — Khan  
50 Spouse's abbr.  
51 Wager

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

DOH APES DASH  
ARE MITCK OBOE  
HEADACHE GLEVE  
DOZ OILWELL  
BARONKNEG  
ONONEWORLID  
SNOB GET OLEVO  
HOMES BOW ALEM  
REAP PEDDLE  
EVEREST EEL  
SARI HEADWIND  
ANNE EAVE NUN  
USES SLEID ETA

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

F N O U I U J M L U R L E J  
B J Y I G L E J Y I Y E R Z G I X X  
Q I R N F I X L I F F I Y U J N J E V V

XUYIX: "MEVV EQNBZ IOI."  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A NEW ENGLANDER MAKES A RANDOM SCRIBBLING, COULD YOU CALL THAT A YANKEE DODDLE?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals E

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.